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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS A AND B, DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH
FACTUAL NON-ARGUMENTATIVE APPROACH ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN
PARA. 4, REFTEL A. ENTIRE PRESENTATION SHOULD BE MADE
ORALLY AS WE WISH TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF FORMALLY INVITING
MEXICO TO BENEFIT FROM GSP AND TO MINIMIZE IMPRESSION OF
USG RETALIATION SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO EXCLUDE
MEXICO ON OPEC MEMBERSHIP OR OTHER GROUNDS. IN THIS
CONNECTION EMBASSY SHOULD CAREFULLY AVOID SUGGESTION THAT
WE ARE USING GSP AS LEVERAGE TO INFLUENCE MEXICAN DECISION
ON OPEC MEMBERSHIP.

2. AS STATED IN PARA 10, REFTEL C, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE
LANGUAGE OF SECTION 502(C) AS WELL AS POINT OUT PROVISIONS
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AFFECTING OPEC MEMBERS AND PRESENT COPY OF TITLE V

(REFTEL D) AT THAT TIME.

3. IN MAKING APPROACH, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT NO FINAL
DETERMINATION HAS YET BEEN MADE REGARDING MEXICO'S OR ANY
OTHER COUNTRY'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP UNDER ALL THE CRITERIA

OUTLINED IN SECTION 502. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRATION EXPECTS MEXICO TO
BENEFIT FROM GSP. KISSINGER

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